

since the Year 1734 and of the Public Encouragements that have been given thereto.

As I may not exactly distinguish the Manufactures of this Province, I shall first State them in the Common Acceptation of them, and afterwards insert the rough Materials and Produce of the Country, most of which undergo some Degree of Manual Labor.

There are dispersed over this Province more particularly in the Northern and Western Settlements, some Spinning Wheels and Looms for the Manufacture of Cotton, Wool and Flax but no greater Quantities of Stuffs or Coarse Cloths are made than will supply the respective Families in which they are worked; very few indeed make sufficient for their own Wear. I have not heard of a Piece of Woolen or Linnen Cloth being ever sold that was the Manufacture of this Province. It is the Usage of some Families who from Poverty or other Circumstances have no Looms, to send their Woolen and Linnen Yarn to their Neighbours to weave. Sheep are not yet become a Staple of this Country tho' they thrive well here; the Wool therefore being very inconsiderable in Quantity, is generally mixed with Cotton in the Manufacture: Cotton grows and flourishes extremely well with Us, yet I am told it is not of so long a Staple as that of the West Indies.

Ship Building is not considerable; the largest built Vessel not exceeding Two Hundred Tons Burden. There are Five or Six Tanners and as many Hatters in the Province tho' none of them of any Note. Mecanics for the Building of Houses and making the Implements of Husbandry are in common with other Colonies, tho' in a lesser Degree of Perfection: The Materials for these Purposes excepting Timber, Lime and Brick are imported from Great Britain or the Northern Colonies: Within these few years We have fallen into an immediate Trade to the Mother Country and I have the Pleasure to experience that this Province flourishes in proportion to the Encrease of so natural a Direction of its Commerce. The Saw Mills of this Country are worth notice; there are indeed few to the Northward of this Port, but on this River of Cape Fear and on its Branches and Creeks there are Fifty erected and more constructing; chiefly with Two Saws. Upon a medium, each Mill is supposed to saw Annually One Hundred and fifty Thousand feet of Boards and Scantling. Ton Timber is hewed or squared where the Timber is fall; what is not consumed of these Articles in the Province is exported to the West Indies. These Mills are constructed to saw Plank only of Twenty five to Thirty Feet in Length.

The following My Lords are the rough Materials and produce of the Colony exported, Vid^t

Tar	Raw Hides	Beeswax
Pitch	Leather	Myrtle Wax
Turpentine	Beef	Tobacco
Spirits of Turpentine	Pork	Indigo
Rosin	Tallow	Hemp